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Sirs:

I am here to voice my opinions about Microsoft. I've been in the IT (Information Technology) Industry for over 23 years. I am here to applaud the job Microsoft has done in standardizing the Industry. Prior to Microsoft, you had OS/2, Apple, and dozens of flavors of UNIX. The result was few application software and hardware vendors per flavor of operating system, resulting in very over inflated prices. (Note: apple and UNIX software and hardware is still much more expensive then comparable PC products.) With the advent of Windows, application software and related hardware prices came down significantly. Consumers benefited more then at any other time in the entire history of the industry. I say that Microsoft deserves anything it can reasonably get for accomplishing this feat.

To want to purposely break up the Windows standard is in my opinion: INSANE. It will mean higher prices for niche products that support non-standard, non-critical-mass operating systems (at least until a competitor creates another monopoly operating system).

So my opinion is that anything you do to break the Windows standard is BAD for the CONSUMER and good for Microsoft competitors ONLY.

Thanks for reading my opinion ...

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